

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
LUFKIN DIVISION**

**MARLIN L. BALLARD**

**V.**

**ALLSTATE TEXAS LLOYD'S**

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**NO. 9:07-CV-242**

**ORDER ADOPTING  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The court referred this matter to the Honorable Earl S. Hines, United States magistrate judge, for pretrial proceedings pursuant to a referral order entered on October 16, 2007. The court has received and considered the report of the United States magistrate judge, who recommends that the court grant the parties' joint motion to dismiss and enter judgment pursuant to settlement.

The magistrate judge's report is hereby **ADOPTED**. The purpose of the referral having been served, it is further

**ORDERED** that the reference to the magistrate judge is **VACATED**.

So **ORDERED** and **SIGNED** this **4** day of **April, 2008**.



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Ron Clark, United States District Judge